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SUBJ: WASHINGTON STAR STORY ON ROMANIAN PETROLEUM ACTIVITIES  
IN ECUADOR

REF: QUITO 1397, QUITO 2054

1. ECUADOR'S TWO LARGEST DAILYS EL UNIVERSO OF GUAYAQUIL  
AND EL COMERCIO OF QUITO ON APRIL 20 CARRY UPI STORY, DATE-  
LINED APRIL 19 WASHINGTON, OF JEREMIAH O'LEARY REPORT IN  
WASHINGTON STAR ON "U.S. GOVERNMENT CONCERN" OVER ROMANIAN  
OFFERS TO OPERATE A NATIONALIZED PETROLEUM INDUSTRY IN  
ECUADOR.

2. THE ONLY REPORTS THAT THE EMBASSY HAS MADE CONCERNING  
THESE PURPORTED ROMANIAN OFFERS WERE CARRIED IN REFTELS  
WHICH WERE CLASSIFIED SECRET/NODIS AND SECRET/EXDIS RESPEC-  
TIVELY. BOTH THESE REPORTS REFERRED TO SUPREME COUNCIL PRESI-  
DENT ADMIRAL POVEDA'S CONVERSTATIONS, ONCE WITH CHIEF OF MISSION  
AND ONCE WITH A TEXACO OFFICIAL. IN ADDITION TO MY NATURAL  
CONCERN ABOUT THE POSSIBLE SOURCE OR SOURCES OF THIS STORY,  
AND WHAT ITS LEAKING MIGHT DO TO OUR RELATIONSHIPS HERE,  
THE INTERPRETATION OF THE ROMANIAN OFFER AS EXPRESSED BY  
MR. O'LEARY IS ERRONEOUS, AT LEAST AS FAR AS THIS MISSION IS  
CONCERNED. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE ROMANIANS HAVE ANY  
IMMEDIATE CAPACITY OR DESIRE TO GET INTO A FULL OPERATING  
SITUATION IN ECUADOR. ALTHOUGH HE CLEARLY TELLS ME WHAT HE  
WANTS ME TO HEAR, THE LONG-TIME ROMANIAN CHARGE IN ECUADOR,

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ION PETRE MADA, HAS TOLD ME ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THAT HE IS

HIGHLY RELUCTANT TO RECOMMEND ANY SIGNIFICANT ROMANIAN FINANCIAL EXPOSURE IN PETROLEUM IN ECUADOR AT THIS TIME.

3. IF MR. O'LEARY'S INTERPRETATION OF US. GOVERNMENT CONCERN IS CORRECT, I HOPE THE DEPARTMENT WILL SHARE IT WITH ME.  
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